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Positions

2020-present Assistant Professor
Department of Psychology
Emory University

2017-2020 Postdoctoral Fellow
Department of Psychology
Stanford University

Education

2017 Ph.D.
Yale University
Psychology

2011 B.A. with Distinction
University of Pennsylvania
Psychology
summa cum laude

Grants

2024-2027 Reconsidering the roots of affective polarization
Templeton World Charity Foundation
Role: PI
Total Costs: \$799,764

2023-2025 Children's moral reasoning about the environment:
A cross-cultural investigation
Halle Institute for Global Research
Role: PI
Total Costs: \$20,000

2018-2020 Born to be kind or born to become kinder?
John Templeton Foundation
Role: PI
Total Costs: \$202,221

Honors and Awards

2017 William Kessen Teaching Award, presented annually to a graduate student in psychology for “spirit, vitality, and commitment to teaching”

2015 Prize Teaching Fellowship, awarded jointly by the Deans of the Graduate School and of Yale College for “outstanding performance and promise as a teacher”

2010 Dean’s Scholar, awarded annually to nine students in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania who “exhibit exceptional academic performance and intellectual promise”

Publications

Note. *undergraduate trainee, **postbaccalaureate trainee, ***doctoral trainee

Grigoreva, A. D.***, Lourenco, S. F., & **Tasimi, A.** (in press). The moral pull of “women and children.” *Cognition*.

Grigoreva, A. D.***, & **Tasimi, A.** (in press). The minds that matter: How robots’ mental capacities shape children’s evaluations and trust. *Open Mind*.

Fish, L. R.***, & **Tasimi, A.** (in press). Planting the seeds of sustainability: The promise of dynamic norms. *Journal of Cognition and Development*.

Bowes, S. M.***, Novick, K. A.**, Lourenco, S. F., & **Tasimi, A.** (in press). Do children value intellectual humility over intellectual arrogance? *Developmental Psychology*.

Grigoreva, A. D.***, & **Tasimi, A.** (2025). Children’s gendered expectations of moral parties. *Scientific Reports*, 15, 11121.

Bowes, S. M.***, & **Tasimi, A.** (2025). Intellectual humility and belief extremity: Evidence for curvilinearity? *Social Psychological and Personality Science*, 16, 56-69.

Grigoreva, A. D.***, & Rottman, J., & **Tasimi, A.** (2024). When does “no” mean no? Insights from sex robots. *Cognition*, 244, 105687.

- Bowes, S. M.^{***}, & **Tasimi, A.** (2024). How intellectual humility relates to political and religious polarization. *The Journal of Positive Psychology, 20*, 569-581.
- Tasimi, A.** (2023). In their memories. *Science, 380*, 422.
- Bowes, S.M.^{***}, Costello, T. H.^{***}, & **Tasimi, A.** (2023). The conspiratorial mind: A meta-analytic review of motivational and personological correlates. *Psychological Bulletin.*
- Costello, T. H.^{***}, Zmigrod, L., & **Tasimi, A.** (2023). Thinking outside the ballot box. *Trends in Cognitive Sciences, 27*, 605-615.
- Friedman, O., & **Tasimi, A.** (2023). The second-order problem of other minds. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences, 46*, e31.
- Bowes, S. M.^{***}, & **Tasimi, A.** (2023). Is intellectual humility “good” for people? *The Journal of Positive Psychology, 18*, 250-253.
- Tasimi, A.**, & Friedman, O. (2023). An adversarial collaboration on dirty money. *Social Psychological and Personality Science.*
- Costello, T. H.^{***}, Bowes, S. M.^{***}, Baldwin, M. W., Malka, A., & **Tasimi, A.** (2023). Revisiting the rigidity-of-the-right hypothesis: A meta-analytic review. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 124*, 1025-1052.
- Bowes, S. M.^{***}, Ringwood, A.*, & **Tasimi, A.** (2023). Is intellectual humility related to more accuracy and less overconfidence? *The Journal of Positive Psychology.*
- Pesowski, M. L., Nancekivell, S. E., **Tasimi, A.**, & Friedman, O. (2022). Ownership and value in childhood. *Annual Review of Developmental Psychology, 4*, 161-183.
- Bowes, S. M.^{***}, & **Tasimi, A.** (2022). Clarifying the relations between intellectual humility and pseudoscience beliefs, conspiratorial ideation, and susceptibility to fake news. *Journal of Research in Personality, 98*, 104220.
- Costello, T. H.^{***}, Bowes, S. M.^{***}, Stevens, S. T., Waldman, I. D., **Tasimi, A.**, & Lilienfeld, S. O. (2022). Clarifying the structure and nature of left-wing authoritarianism. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 122*, 135-170.
- Tasimi, A.**, & Gelman, S. A. (2021). A dollar is a dollar is a dollar, or is it? Insights from children’s reasoning about “dirty money.” *Cognitive Science, 45*, e12950.
- Lourenco, S. F., & **Tasimi, A.** (2020). No participant left behind: Conducting science during COVID-19. *Trends in Cognitive Sciences, 24*, 583-584.

- Tasimi, A.** (2020). Connecting the dots on the origins of social knowledge. *Perspectives on Psychological Science*, 15, 397-410.
- Tasimi, A., & Gross, J. J.** (2020). The dilemma of dirty money. *Current Directions in Psychological Science*, 29, 41-46.
- Tasimi, A., & Johnson, M. K.** (2019). Children's initial responses and beyond: Effects of niceness and similarity of preference, giving, and memory. *Child Development*, 90, 432-440.
- Tasimi, A., & Gelman, S. A.** (2017). Dirty money: The role of moral history in economic judgments. *Cognitive Science*, 41, 523-544.
- Tasimi, A., Gelman, S. A., Cimpian, A., & Knobe, J.** (2017). Differences in the evaluation of generic statements about human and non-human categories. *Cognitive Science*, 41, 1934-1957.
- Tasimi, A., Johnson, M. K., & Wynn, K.** (2017). Children's decision-making: When self-interest and moral considerations conflict. *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology*, 161, 195-201.
- Tasimi, A., & Wynn, K.** (2016). Costly rejection of wrongdoers by infants and children. *Cognition*, 151, 76-79.
- Tasimi, A., & Young, L.** (2016). Memories of good deeds past: The reinforcing power of prosocial behavior in children. *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology*, 147, 159-166.
- Tasimi, A., Dominguez, A.*, & Wynn, K.** (2015). Do-gooder derogation in children: The social costs of generosity. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 6, 1036.
- Tasimi, A., & Johnson, M. K.** (2015). A self-serving bias in children's memories? *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*, 144, 528-533.

Invited Talks

- Tasimi, A.** (2025). The dilemma of dirty money. Invited brownbag talk to be given at Duke University. Durham, USA.
- Tasimi, A.** (2024). The dilemma of dirty money. Invited talk at Georgia State University Neurophilosophy Forum. Atlanta, USA.

- Tasimi, A.** (2023). Born to hate? Invited talk at Conscience, Cognition, and Evolution Summer workshop at the University of Oxford. Oxford, UK.
- Tasimi, A.** (2022). Ancient and modern perspectives on value conflict. Invited talk at the Center for Mind, Brain, and Culture at Emory University. Atlanta, USA.
- Tasimi, A.** (2022). Grappling with goodness. Invited talk at the Mechanisms of Learning Forum at Emory University. Atlanta, USA.
- Tasimi, A.** (2022). Grappling with goodness. Invited brownbag talk at the University of Chicago. Chicago, USA.
- Tasimi, A.** (2022). Grappling with goodness. Invited brownbag talk at Vanderbilt University. Nashville, USA.
- Tasimi, A.** (2022). Grappling with goodness. Invited brownbag talk at the University of Missouri. Columbia, USA.
- Tasimi, A.** (2022). Grappling with goodness. Invited brownbag talk at George Mason University. Fairfax, USA.
- Tasimi, A.** (2022). Grappling with goodness. Invited brownbag talk at the University of Waterloo. Waterloo, Canada.
- Tasimi, A.** (2022). Grappling with goodness. Invited brownbag talk at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Madison, USA.
- Tasimi, A.** (2022). Grappling with goodness. Invited brownbag talk at the University of Virginia. Charlottesville, USA.
- Tasimi, A.** (2022). Grappling with goodness. Invited brownbag talk at Brown University. Providence, USA.
- Tasimi, A.** (2019). Grappling with goodness. Invited colloquium talk at Emory University, Atlanta, GA.
- Tasimi, A.** (2018). The origins and development of moral conflict. Invited talk at the International Network of Analytical Sociology Conference, Stanford, CA.
- Tasimi, A.** (2018). Grappling with goodness. Invited talk at San Francisco State University. San Francisco, CA.
- Tasimi, A.** (2018). Grappling with goodness. Invited brownbag talk at the University of California-Riverside. Riverside, CA.

Tasimi, A. (2018). Grappling with goodness. Invited colloquium talk at the University of California-Berkeley. Berkeley, CA.

Tasimi, A. (2018). The origins of moral conflict. Invited colloquium talk at Stanford University. Stanford, CA.

Tasimi, A. (2018). The origins of moral conflict. Invited talk at the Boston Area Moral Psychology Group. Cambridge, MA.

Tasimi, A. (2018). Dirty money: The role of moral history in economic judgments. Invited talk at the Yale School of Management. New Haven, CT.

Tasimi, A. (2015). The origins and development of moral conflict. Invited talk at the Four College Conference. New York, NY.

Tasimi, A. (2014). Do infants avoid the “bad guy” at a cost? Invited talk at the Boston Area Moral Psychology Group. Boston, MA.

Tasimi, A. (2014). Differences in the evaluation of generic statements about human and non-human categories. Invited brownbag talk at the University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI.

Conference Presentations

Grigoreva, A. D., Rottman, J., & **Tasimi, A.** (2024, June). When does “no” mean no? Insights from sex robots. Poster to be presented at the 50th Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, West Lafayette, IN.

Bowes, S. M., Novick, K., Lourenco, S., & **Tasimi, A.** (2024, March). How children reason about intellectual humility and intellectual arrogance. Poster presented at the 13th Biennial Meeting of the Cognitive Development Society, Pasadena, CA.

Fish, L. R., & **Tasimi, A.** (2024, March). Who brags about what? Children’s gendered expectations of bragging. Poster presented at the 13th Biennial Meeting of the Cognitive Development Society, Pasadena, CA.

Grigoreva, A. D., & **Tasimi, A.** (2024, March). The development of gendered expectations of moral parties. Poster presented at the 13th Biennial Meeting of the Cognitive Development Society, Pasadena, CA.

Bowes, S. M., Novick, K., Lourenco, S., & **Tasimi, A.** (2024, February). How children reason about intellectual humility and intellectual arrogance. Poster presented at

the 25th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.

Fish, L. R., & **Tasimi, A.** (2024, March). Boastful boys? An early start to gendered bragging behavior. Poster presented at the 25th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.

Grigoreva, A. D., Rottman, J., & **Tasimi, A.** (2024, February). When does “no” mean no? Insights from sex robots. Poster presented at the 25th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.

Bowes, S. M., & **Tasimi, A.** (2023, May). Polarization is polarization? On the relations between intellectual humility and religious polarization. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Washington, DC.

Tasimi, A., & Friedman, O. (2022, July). An adversarial collaboration on dirty money. Paper presented at the 48th Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Milan, Italy.

Bowes, S.M., & **Tasimi, A.** (2022, May). Clarifying the relations between intellectual humility and misinformation: Pseudoscience, conspiracy theories, and fake news. Poster presented at the 2022 convention of the Association for Psychological Science in Chicago, IL.

Bowes, S.M., McKenna, B.G., & **Tasimi, A.** (2022, March). Is intellectual humility related to less anti-Black prejudice? Presented at the 2022 Mechanisms of Learning Forum at Emory University.

Tasimi, A. (2021, February). Dirty money. Paper presented at the 22nd Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Virtual.

Tasimi, A., & Johnson, M. K. (2017, October). The rise and fall of children’s social evaluations over time. Poster presented at the 10th Biennial Meeting of the Cognitive Development Society, Portland, OR.

Tasimi, A., Dominguez, A., & Wynn, K. (2017, April). Do-gooder derogation in children: The social costs of generosity. Paper presented at the 38th Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Austin, TX.

Tasimi, A., & Young L. (2017, April). Memories of good deeds past: The reinforcing power of prosocial behavior in children. Paper presented at the 38th Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Austin, TX.

- Tasimi, A., & Gelman, S. A.** (2016, June). Dirty money: The role of moral history in children's and adults' economic judgments. Paper presented at 42nd Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Austin, TX.
- Tasimi, A., & Wynn, K.** (2016, May). Infants have enduring memory of who's nice and who's mean. Paper presented at the 20th Biennial International Congress of Infant Studies, New Orleans, LA.
- Tasimi, A., & Wynn, K.** (2016, May). Costly rejection of wrongdoers by infants and children. Paper presented at the 20th Biennial International Congress of Infant Studies, New Orleans, LA.
- Tasimi, A., & Young, L.** (2016, January). Memories of good deeds past: The reinforcing power of prosocial behavior in children. Poster presented at the 17th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.
- Dominguez, A., **Tasimi, A., & Wynn, K.** (2016, January). Do-gooder derogation in children: The social costs of generosity. Poster presented at the 17th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.
- Tasimi, A., & Gelman, S. A.** (2015, October). Money has moral history: Children's and adults' attention to the moral source of physical currency. Poster presented at the 9th Biennial Meeting of the Cognitive Development Society, Columbus, OH.
- Tasimi, A., Gelman, S. A., & Wellman, H. M.** (2015, October). The extraordinariness of extraordinary giving. Poster presented at the 9th Biennial Meeting of the Cognitive Development Society, Columbus, OH.
- Tasimi, A., & Johnson, M. K.** (2015, March). A self-serving bias in children's memories? Poster presented at the 37th Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Philadelphia, PA.
- Tasimi, A., Wynn, K.** (2015, March). The power of first impressions in infancy. Poster presented at the 37th Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Philadelphia, PA.
- Tasimi, A., & Wynn, K.** (2015, February). Costly rejection of wrongdoers by infants and children. Paper presented at the 16th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA.
- Tasimi, A., & Wynn, K.** (2014, January). Infants avoid the bad guy at a cost. Poster presented at the Budapest CEU Conference on Cognitive Development, Budapest, Hungary.

Tasimi, A., & Wynn, K. (2013, April). Evaluating the strength of early social preferences: Do infants avoid the bad guy at a cost, and over time? Poster presented at the 36th Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Seattle, WA.

Tasimi, A., Gelman, S. A., Knobe, J., & Cimpian, A. (2013, June). Of merts and men: The role of domain and valence in generalizations. Paper presented at the 39th Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Providence, RI.

Trainees

Lesenia Fish (current graduate student)

Research: Social cognitive development & climate change

Anastasiia Grigoreva (current graduate student)

Research: Moral psychology & mind perception

Shauna Bowes (Ph.D., 2023)

Research: The intersection between personality traits and beliefs.

Diss.: *Reducing Polarization and Misinformation Susceptibility through Intellectual Humility?*

After Emory: Postdoctoral Fellow, Vanderbilt University

Currently: Assistant Professor, University of Alabama

Thomas Costello (Ph.D., 2022)

Research: Political psychology

Diss.: *The Divergent Foundations of Social and Economic Political Ideology*

After Emory: Postdoctoral Fellow, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Currently: Assistant Professor, Carnegie Mellon University

Teaching

Fall 2025	PSYC 475: Psychology of Taboos
Spring 2025	PSYC 543: Cognitive & Social Development (with S. F. Lourenco)
Fall 2024	PSYC 111: Introduction to Psychology
Spring 2024	PSYC 475: Psychology through Novels
Fall 2023	PSYC 111: Introduction to Psychology
Spring 2023	PSYC 385: Moral Psychology
Fall 2022	PSYC 543: Cognitive & Social Development (with S. F. Lourenco)
Fall 2022	PSYC 111: Introduction to Psychology
Spring 2022	PSYC 544: Developmental Theory & Methods (with P. Rochat)
Spring 2022	PSYC 111: Introduction to Psychology
Fall 2021	PSYC 111: Introduction to Psychology
Fall 2020	PSYC 111: Introduction to Psychology

Service*College*

2025-2026	Member, Open Rank Developmental Search, Psychology
2021-2022	Member, Open Area Cluster Hire, Psychology
2021	Member, Emory College Committee on Academic Standards

Departmental

2024-present	Director, Child Study Center
2024-present	Chair, Colloquium Committee
2024	Member, Ad Hoc Research Seminar Committee
2023-2024	Co-Director, Child Study Center
2023-present	Member, Emory Psychology Undergraduate Honors Committee
2021	Organizer, Emory Psychology Annual Research Festival
2020-present	Member, Emory Psychology Department Diversity Committee
2020-2021	Member, Emory Psychology Department Colloquium Committee

Graduate Advisory Committees

2025	Jocelyn Stanfield: Qualifying Exam Committee Member
2024-present	Moxuan Liu: Faculty Advisory Committee Member
2024	Rohini Murugan: Qualifying Exam Committee Member
2022	Sandra Bula: Faculty Advisory Committee Member
2022	Lucy Cronin-Golomb: Qualifying Exam Committee Member
2022-present	Elizabeth Kushner: Faculty Advisory Committee Member, Qualifying Exam Committee Chair
2021-present	Nikita Agarwal: Faculty Advisory Committee Member, Qualifying Exam Committee Member, Dissertation Committee Member
2021	Melissa Engel: Qualifying Exam Committee Member
2021-present	Ryno Kruger: Faculty Advisory Committee Member, Qualifying Exam Committee Member, Dissertation Committee Member
2021-2023	Yaxin Liu: Dissertation Committee Member
2021-2022	Julia Wilson: Dissertation Committee Member

Undergraduate Advisory Committees

2025	Mrudhala Nithiyakumar: Honors Committee Member (NBB)
2025	Jiwon Lee: Honors Committee Member (Psychology)
2024	Summer Elsir: Honors Committee Member (Philosophy)
2024	Alekhya Pidugu: Honors Committee Member (Human Health)
2023	Luisa Taverna: Honors Committee Member (Philosophy)
2023	Hallie Toren: Honors Committee Member (Psychology)

2022 Harrison Goldfein: Honors Committee Chair (Psychology)
2022 Kylee Novick: Honors Committee Member (Psychology)
2022 Archana Ravi: Honors Committee Member (NBB)
2021 Dominic Lal: Honors Committee Member (Psychology)
2021 Harshini Murthy: Honors Committee Member (Psychology)
2021 Jelena Pejic: Honors Committee Member (Psychology)

Editorial Service

2025-present Editorial Board, *Journal of Cognition and Development*
2025-present Consulting Editor, *Current Directions in Psychological Science*
2023-present Editorial Board, *Social Development*

Ad Hoc Reviewing

Child Development, Cognition, Cognitive Psychology, Cognitive Science, Developmental Psychology, Developmental Science, Infant and Child Development, Frontiers in Developmental Psychology, Journal of Cognition and Development, Journal of Experimental Child Psychology, Journal of Experimental Psychology: General, Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, Memory, Perspectives on Psychological Science, PNAS Nexus, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Psychological Review, Psychological Science, Scientific Reports, Social Development